## NAVAJO COUNTY

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## NEWS RELEASE

## Visitors and Residents of Navajo County Can Take the Beautiful Scenery of the Outdoors at the Petrified Forest National Parks

Navajo County Board of Supervisors were Updated on the New Upcoming Ventures as the Petrified Forest National Parks in Navajo County is Gearing up for Increased Access to Parks and Hiking Trails

**HOLBROOK, AZ – (February 10, 2015)** Brad Traver from the Petrified Forest National Park, presented to the Board of Supervisors Tuesday. The presentation included updates of new lands opening to the public in 2014 and several proposed areas are currently under discussion with state lands to provide additional access to parks. It will also offer "Off the Beaten Path Hikes" for those die hard hikers to take the opportunity for an extreme off-terrain experience.

This year the Centennial Marketing Campaign will soon be starting in early Spring or early Summer, encouraging visitors and residence to take part in an event of "Find your Park" by locating parks located in your communities for individuals and families to enjoy the outdoors while finding parks just a hop, skip and a jump away from their homes. The new proposal for 2016 is to increase park fees from \$10 per vehicle to \$20 per vehicle for parks and campground sites across the County. This will be the first increase since 1996. Mr. Traver thanked Navajo County for the support the County has provided through the "Devil's Playground Access", which actually crosses County land. Supervisor Jesse Thompson and Supervisor Jason Whiting thanked and recognized the Petrified National Forest Parks efforts in renewing our parks and driving tourism and visitors to Navajo County.

